

"Leak" may have occurred through the representatives of two Wall Street firms alleged to have been present at the Lansing conference on the morning of the conference.

"Do you not know," he asked Congressman Wood, "that the representatives of two Wall Street firms—The Wall Street Journal and Financial America—attended these conferences and that it is their duty to tip off their papers regarding anything that might be of interest to the financial world. Is it not possible that these gentlemen advised their papers that an important announcement would be made by the State Department later in the day and that their papers, supported by Wall Street interests, possibly, may have known of the peace note?"

Newspaper Men Not Told.

"That may be possible," said Congressman Wood. "My understanding is, however, that Mr. Lansing did not tell the newspaper men that morning there would be a peace note. He merely said there was no news, but something might be expected that afternoon."

"The market broke about two hours after the morning conference, did it not?" asked Mr. Harrison.

"I am having a statement prepared showing the actual conditions and fluctuations on the market that day," responded Mr. Wood.

"What information did you have before you introduced this resolution?" asked Mr. Harrison.

Based on Flying Rumors.

"I had rumors that were flying about the House and charges in the papers about a 'leak,' said Mr. Wood.

"The Curtis letter came after you had introduced your original resolution, did it not? And you also learned later of information that reached Oakleigh, LaPayette and other places out West regarding the forthcoming peace note? In other words, you learned these things after you introduced the resolution?" said Mr. Harrison.

"Yes," said Mr. Wood.

"Why did Mr. Curtis write you?"

"I do not know."

"Do you know that Mr. Curtis is a reputable man or not?"

"I do not know him at all. I understand that he is an independent operator on Wall Street."

"When Congressman Wood referred to a 'rumor' that the 'leak' went to friends of the Administration," Congressman Garrett interposed:

Rumor Mentions Baruch.

"What official of the Government is responsible for the leak?"

"I have no information as to how the leak occurred or from whom it came. I am telling you what I have heard rumored. The supposition is that this information got out through Barney Baruch before the note was sent. The rumor is he had it a day or two in advance."

"Do you know when Mr. Baruch engaged in his alleged transactions?" asked Chairman Henry.

"No, but I am getting a statement on that."

"What connection can you show between Barney Baruch and these telegrams sent out West?"

"I do not know what connection there is, if any."

"You have mentioned Secretary Tumulty's name in connection with Mr. Baruch," said Chairman Henry.

Doesn't Charge Tumulty Profited.

"I do not charge that Mr. Tumulty profited by this," said Mr. Wood. "I have not charged that any one profited. I asked for this investigation so that it might be ascertained whether any one profited. That is the object of this inquiry."

"Have you seen Mr. Tumulty and asked him whether he had breakfast with Mr. Baruch at the Baltimore Hotel?"

"No," said Mr. Wood.

"Don't you think it would have been better had you consulted with Mr. Tumulty before asking for an investigation and judging in his name?"

"That is the very reason I asked this committee to have an executive session this morning," responded Mr. Wood.

Speaks of Injustice to Tumulty.

"If it turned out that Mr. Curtis is not a reputable man and that Mr. Tumulty did not take breakfast with Mr. Baruch in New York, or anywhere else, do you not think that you have done Mr. Tumulty a grave injustice in bringing in his name in the manner you have?"

Mr. Chipperfield, a Republican member of the committee, objected to the question and interrupted Mr. Wood's reply.

"I object to the assumption of the chairman that anyone's name has been lugged," said Mr. Chipperfield. "Mr. Wood has just told us what he has heard."

After a spirited colloquy among committee members, Chairman Henry finally withdrew the question.

Campaign Fund Touched On.

"You said that Barney Baruch is a member of the Council of National Defense," continued Mr. Chipperfield. "Do you know by rumor or otherwise whether Mr. Baruch contributed to any Presidential campaign fund?"

"I understand that he gave \$35,000 to the Wilson campaign fund," said Mr. Wood.

"Is there any plan with the movers of this investigation to retard or hinder the President in his peace efforts?" asked Mr. Garrett.

"None whatever that I know of," said Mr. Wood.

Democratic members of the Rules Committee said it probably would be found that the "steel trust" contributed to the Republican campaign fund.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia—Rain this afternoon and probably tonight. Saturday fair and much colder. Strong South, shifting to West winds.

Maryland—Rain this afternoon and probably tonight. Saturday fair and much colder. South winds, shifting to West gales.

Virginia—Rain this afternoon and probably fair tonight and Saturday. Much colder in the west portion.

TEMPERATURES.

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TIDE TABLE.

High tides, 5:40 a. m., height 2.2
6:00 p. m., height 2.5
Low tides, 12:04 p. m., height 0.9
12:12 p. m., height 0.9

SUN AND MOON TABLE.

Sun rises..... 7:27 a. m.
Sun sets..... 5 p. m.
Moon rises..... 2:49 p. m.
Moon sets..... 5:24 a. m.

Light automobile lamps, 5:30 p. m.

BROKERS DENY THEY PROFITED BY LEAK

R. W. Bolling, F. A. Connolly, and Others Call Charges Absurd.

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and did not profit or lose by it and I shall be glad to go before the Rules Committee or any other committee and brand the whole thing as untrue and absurd."

F. A. Connolly corroborated the information given by Mr. Bolling and added:

Would Be Suicidal.

"It would be suicidal for any member of this firm or any other brokerage firm to speculate in stocks and none of us are doing it or thinking of it."

"Our first information that the note had been sent was received from New York, not through leaky channels, but through our regular representatives, from whom we naturally expected it. We were warned almost a month before the note was sent that the crash was coming. The note had little or no effect on the market. It had to break."

William B. Hibbs, head of the brokerage firm of William B. Hibbs & Co., which was specifically requested by the Rules Committee to preserve its records for the eight days preceding the sending of the note and five days afterward, said:

"Our books are open to any authorized person who wishes to inspect them. We will produce all the records in our office, we have absolutely nothing to hide and will co-operate with the committee and Congress in finding out anything it wishes to learn about the stock market before and after the peace note was sent."

Sure of Assistance.

"I am quite sure all the brokers in Washington will give every assistance they can. Of course, there are certain confidential phases of the stock brokerage business which we would not like to disclose. I do not mean by that anything referring to the leak, but private financial matters."

In all the other brokerage offices in the financial district, similar assurances of aid to the rules committee and Congress were given. Practically all the local brokers expressed the opinion that the note had little or nothing to do with the drop in the market.

LONDON REPORTS DENIED

Argentina and Brazil Have Not Refused to Indorse Peace Note.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5.—Intimations from London that Argentina and Brazil have refused to indorse President Wilson's peace note to European belligerents were denied today on the highest authority.

Dispatches from Brazil asserted that the expression of disapproval of the peace note reported from Secretary of State Baruch were purely preventive measures from the Public Health Service. This would make a very interesting thing for the people from other parts of the country to see. It would enable them to watch what the Government is doing."

GETS INAUGURAL JOB

Washingtonian Wants to Lead Parade But Gets Substitute Offer.

They already have selected someone to lead the inaugural procession from the Capitol, down Pennsylvania avenue, past the Court of Honor and the White House on March 5, but they haven't given the job of bringing the parade back to any one yet.

Secretary of State Baruch, of the inaugural committee, has tentatively promised the honor of holding the latter position to a Washingtonian, but he has not accepted it.

A rather elderly, tall man, with a distinctly military appearance, came into inaugural headquarters today and without ceremony or preface, told Mr. Baruch that he would like to lead the procession.

"I never have headed such a parade," he explained, "although I have directed smaller affairs. I would be very glad to do the work for you, with no cost at all, provided you allow my name to go on the stationery used by the committee."

Mr. Baruch's answer was substantially as follows:

"The grand marshal who leaves the Capitol at the beginning of the procession already has been named. But the list of committee does not show that any one has been designated to bring the procession back after it has been reviewed by the President. You may have that honor if you like."

The visitor said that he would consider the offer, and went away, apparently satisfied.

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CAR HITS MILK WAGON

Samuel Mark Taken to Hospital in Vehicle.

Samuel Mark, thirty-one years old, of 31 R street northeast, was thrown from his milk wagon and slightly injured when the wagon collided with a street car at Fourth street and Massachusetts avenue northeast, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. He was taken to Casualty Hospital in his wagon for treatment.

Percy Williams, of 1807 L street northwest, and Ralph Everett, 415 Second street northwest, escaped injury when the automobiles which they were driving collided at Eighteenth and Massachusetts avenue northwest early today. Both machines were considerably damaged.

A taxicab operated by J. R. Wilber, 63 Kennedy street northwest, collided with an automobile operated by Richard E. Vincent, of 1015 Ninth street northwest, at Thirtieth and Fairmont streets northwest, early today. Both machines were damaged, but the occupants escaped injury.

PLAN U. S. EXHIBIT FOR INAUGURATION

Chief Clerks Arrange for Showing of Government's Work to Visitors.

Tentative plans for an exhibit from each of the Government Departments, to be shown here during the week of inauguration, were discussed today by a committee composed of the chief clerks of the various departments.

The committee met in the office of the chief clerk of the Treasury Department.

The plans, it was stated, are only tentative, as the exhibit will depend entirely upon the passage of the Tinkham resolution, which will provide for the exhibition here to the work of the departments.

As the Tinkham resolution carries with it no appropriation, the question of maintaining an exhibit without incurring any expense, took up a large part of the time in the discussion today.

No Additional Expense.

It was generally conceded that a successful departmental exhibit can be maintained without additional expense to the Government, because each department can use its own exhibits.

Trucks belonging to the Department of the Interior, for instance, can be put into use transporting the exhibits to the places where they will be shown to the visitors during inauguration week.

"We want to put all the things worth seeing in the department in one place," said a member of the committee this morning, "in order that the visitor won't have to walk his legs off going from one building to the other. For instance, we would like to have a plate printing press from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, samples of money from the Treasury Department, and exhibits of preventive measures from the Public Health Service. This would make a very interesting thing for the people from other parts of the country to see. It would enable them to watch what the Government is doing."

Two places for holding the exhibit were mentioned. It probably will be either in the National Museum, at Tenth and B streets southwest, or in the new Interior Department building.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Federation of Citizens' Associations in the near future and discuss the best way for the departments to co-operate with the citizens of Washington in making the exhibition a success, both for Washingtonians and for the visitors here during inauguration week.

The members of the committee are E. J. Ayers, chief clerk of the Interior Department, chairman; F. D. Owen, from the office of the superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and Robert Watson, chief clerk of the Department of Labor.

Representatives from the State societies in Washington will meet tonight in the board room of the District building. It is expected they will discuss plans concerning the best way of co-operating with the Government heads in showing departmental exhibits, and also take under consideration plans for entertaining the visitor from the home States, who will be here for the March function.

ENGLAND CONTROLS GRAIN.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—Governmental control over corn as well as over wheat and flour was announced today.

edge of Loos by a detachment of Altonberg infantry, which penetrated into the fourth hostile trench, today's official statement said.

GUNS ACTIVE NEAR VERDUN.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Active interchange of artillery fire around Douaumont and Vaux marked last night's fighting on the west front, today's official statement said. Engagements of advanced posts by Serbians on the Macedonian front, were also detailed.

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In discussion of the reply note today it was reported that the concrete aims which the allies would specify would include banning of the Turk in Europe and opening of the Straits to Russia. This latter aim has already been formally announced by Russia.

Unofficial but semi-authoritative explanations that in the allies' reply attempt has been made not only to list the ideals for which the allies are fighting, but to connect these ideals with certain concrete terms upon which a basis of peace discussion might be possible, has added interest in the text here.

FOUR MORE TOWNS TAKEN

GERMANS CAPTURE 1,400 OF Foe IN NORTH ROUMANIA.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 5.—Capture of Slobosia and Rotesti, in Roumania, was announced today by the war office.

Gurgueti and Romanul, two other Roumanian towns, were captured after hand-to-hand and house-to-house battles.

The German forces took 1,400 prisoners and six machine guns.

"South of the Buzza the Roumanian bridgehead position of Braila has been pierced by a German division with annexed Austro-Hungarian positions," the statement announced.

Fighting activity on the west front was confined chiefly to small patrol enterprises and artillery fire.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 5.—"Sanguinary losses" were inflicted on British troops on the east

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, of the First Baptist Church this evening will deliver the last sermon in the series of week of prayer services. The meeting will be in the Methodist Protestant Church. The subject of the sermon is "Christian Citizenship."

In the United States court for the Eastern district of Virginia yesterday the suit of H. B. Hutchinson against the New York and Pennsylvania Company to recover alleged damages on a timber contract was put over until February 27.

The case of the State was full of Sherlock Holmes theories. Experts upon time ignition, the use of chemicals to make the fire more intense, and on locks—whether the door had been locked after Small left the house—vied with each other in deductions.

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AID IN BELGIANS' RELIEF.

The Sewing Circle of the District began another year's work for the relief of the Belgians in its headquarters, in the Woodward building today. This organization has collected since its founding in November, 1914, \$7,291.85, all of which has been expended for food, milk, and shoes for Belgian sufferers. The organization has sent out an appeal for clothing, money or any other supplies.

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